

'The Vagina Monologues' spread abuse awareness

by
Ashley Speckman

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed at LSUS, Feb. 27 through Mar. 1.

For those unfamiliar with "The Vagina Monologues," it is a collection of experiences shared by women from all over the world.

Eve Ensler, playwright and author of play, interviewed women ages 6 to 75 to gather ideas about the way women felt about their vaginas. During this process she created a vehicle for raising awareness, sharing experiences, healing and affecting a change in attitudes the world over.

The monologues expose a subject that has been forced into the dark. During her interviews with hundreds of women, Ensler recognized that there was a need for women to share their experiences in order to heal and create awareness.

"TVM" soon became the cornerstone of V Day, a worldwide movement to stop the violence against women. One in three women and girls will be beaten or sexually abused in her lifetime. As the saying goes: "You, your best friend, or me."

Statistics like this have women and men around the world dedicated to this cause.

V Day is an event that will continue every year until violence against women ceases, and at that time, V Day will become Victory Day, according to its organizers.

LSUS has become a participant in the V Day's College Initiative through the work of Audrey Miserendine, Kara Hunnicutt and Linda Fuqua.

The cast of this year's event consists of 10 women of all different ages and backgrounds, demonstrating that violence can happen to anyone regardless of age, race or religion.

Audrey Miserendine said that the unifying theme throughout "TVM" is the fact that all of the stories involve women and their experiences and that things can change if people would realize that violence could happen to them and the people they know.

This project was important to Kara Hunnicutt, she said, "because sexual assault and violence are everywhere. It affects our sisters, our mothers, our friends and ourselves. Women have to be able to talk about what has happened to them."

The proceeds of the local performance benefit the local YWCA Sexual Assault Center.

This organization provides professional counselors, a rape escort program and a 24-hour crisis line. These programs are made available through grants that have

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Day honors girls, women in sports

by
Allison Burns

National Girls and Women in Sports Day celebration will begin Feb. 1 at LSUS. This year marks the second time for the NGWSD event to be held at LSUS. Dr. Cay Evans, professor in education, and Dr. Ron Byrd, professor in kinesiology and health science, co-chair this year's events.

"A lot of schools are coming this year, and I think we will have a big crowd," Evans said.

New additions to this year's program are all the more reason for a large crowd.

A 5K run, 5K kids run and a one-mile fun run/walk at LSUS, hosted by Sportspectrum, will start the event at 8 a.m. on Feb. 1.

On Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon, exhibits and demonstrations will be held in the Health and Physical Education building.

Exhibits to be featured include Shreveport Metropolitan Ballet,

COSST swim team, women's pro rodeo, cheerleading, fencing, fast-pitch softball, Senior and Special Olympics, women's cycling and triathlons, Shreveport Parks and Recreation, Girl Scouts of America, martial arts, USA water skiers, wrestlers, gymnastics, golf, weight lifting, sailing, badminton, lacrosse, YMCA soccer and Louisiana Women in Outdoors.

Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. LSUS will welcome athletes from various college campuses including Centenary, Bossier Parish Community College and Northwestern. This year's guest emcee will be KTBS-TV news anchor Sherri Allen. The Wednesday celebration will include the induction of Rachel Walker, former Benton High Schol javelin hurler and currently a freshman at Texas A & M, into the Louisiana Track and Field Hall of Fame.

The event is free and open to the public. All female participants of any age and sport can be recognized.



The LSUS 3 on 3 women's basketball team includes left to right: Cheryl LaCour, Danniell Roberts, Christy Crittenden, Dr. Cay Evans

A professional conference on women's health activities will take place Feb. 7-8 at LSUS.

Guest speaker for the conference is Darlene Kluka, a pro-

fessor and coordinator of Health and Physical Education at Grambling State University. She currently

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Maintenance company works to fix problems in Bronson Hall elevators

by
Jenny Knafla

The 36-year-old elevators in Bronson Hall are maxed-out more than any elevators on campus, according to Alton Hemperley, power plant superintendent.

Sam Holcumb, certified service technician, said that the elevators could stand to have new controls put into them.

"The more the elevators are used, the more there is a need for another one," Holcumb said.

However, the Oct. 17, 2002, issue of "The Almagest" incorrectly cited \$29,000 as the amount that LSUS had spent on renovations to upgrade the Bronson Hall elevators.

The amount was actually used to replace a jack piston nearly four and a half years ago.

The same article listed complaints about elevator malfunctions that included the elevators stopping on every floor, operating while not in use and operating slowly.

In June of 2002, the Schindler Elevator Corporation Tri State District took over the maintenance of all the campus elevators.

Holcumb said that the problems listed in the article were no longer a problem by the time the article was published.

"The problems were actually left over from the prior two companies that were responsible for maintaining the elevators," Holcumb



Students wait to board the Bronson Hall elevators.

said.

However, according to Hemperley, over the winter holiday the company had to fix one of the elevators which was continually traveling up and down the floors without commands to do so.

Since the beginning of the year, Hemperley said that the maintenance company has been called twice to fix a problem with the elevators.

Holcumb said the three-year elevator maintenance contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, but that does not affect the quality of the work conducted on the elevators.

According to Holcumb, all elevator maintenance organizations are part of a union. "We're all held to the same standards," Holcumb said.

Holcumb said that he performs routine maintenance on all the campus elevators every two weeks.

As of Jan. 22, Hemperley recognized that the lights in the elevators are not correctly operating and said that he would be sure to give Holcumb a call.

Hemperley said students who witness any malfunction with the elevators should call maintenance at 797-5007.

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Greek work on astronomy)
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From the editor

■ LSUS students need to support our athletic programs

We begin our new semester of the Almagest with coverage of the extensive advances to campus athletics over the past few months.

The LSUS athletic council has been working for several years to expand the athletic program, and this year we are beginning to see the results.

Of course, the Pilots baseball team has just begun another season. Check the Almagest every week for scores and announcements about upcoming games.

However, as most people know the athletics fee was increased to \$75 this past year to finance the expansion of our athletic program.

Doug Robinson has been hired to bring his experience to the campus as athletic director.

LSUS alum Chad McDowell will work with Robinson in bringing men's basketball to LSUS in time for the 2003-2004 season.

Most recently, the school named Ronnie Howell as women's basketball coach.

These developments are exciting for several reasons.

First, nothing seems to develop a campus identity the way athletics can.

Though the primary purpose of a university is academics, athletics add a dimension to campus life that cannot be replaced.

As college students we are encouraged to explore a wide variety of interests both mental and physical. Athletics create healthy competition and promote exercise.

Taking care of ourselves physically makes us better students. Athletics relieve stress and help us maintain a positive attitude.

Athletics are especially important because they bring the campus together. When our teams are engaged in competition, we should support them. Games give students a chance to interact outside the classroom with their fellow students as we unite to support our team.

Additionally, increased athletic opportunities make LSUS more appealing to potential recruits.

Many of the best high school students in the area are active athletes and look for a university with a strong athletic program. And good students from outside the area may be attracted to LSUS for its athletic program.

Students who aren't interested in athletics themselves may still seek a college with an active athletic program.

Everyone knows that there isn't much to do in Shreveport when you are under 21, and being able to go to "our" games on weekends would make LSUS a much more entertaining campus. Sports are fun to watch.

Another reason for supporting athletics is that the expansion of the athletics program brings LSUS into compliance with Title IX regulations that require equal opportunities in athletics for men and women alike.

The addition of women's basketball in the coming year and women's soccer the year after that will finally give women athletes a reason to check out LSUS.

For a campus where a substantial majority of students are women, it is about time for equity in opportunities.

In the coming week, LSUS will be the host to a wide variety of events in honor of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

With that much attention being paid to the importance of women's athletics it is nice finally to be able to say that LSUS will soon revive its tradition of athletic excellence for both men and women.

Also, athletics brings regional and national attention to LSUS.

The baseball team is well known as a tough competitor with a winning record. When our baseball team travels around the region for competition they bring recognition to LSUS.

This kind of recognition is key to recruitment efforts. And hearing about the excellent athletic programs at LSUS is a lot more likely to bring students than seeing the initials on a bumper sticker.

Finally, athletics gives alumni a reason to come back and support their university. One problem with this campus is the lack of alumni support.

Maybe when we invite graduates back to the school for athletic events they will remember the school that got them where they are.

In the meantime, the students, faculty and staff of LSUS should support the baseball team.

Yes, it's cold out there.

Yes, it's "just" baseball.

But, the players out there are our fellow classmates and deserve our support.

Admittedly, we would rather go to a basketball game but baseball is an American tradition. Most importantly, our baseball players are unlikely to strike because their six-figure salaries aren't enough.

A baseball game is a community event and students should check one out before they knock it. If anything, baseball games give you a chance to mingle with the administration.

At last weekend's game most of the vice chancellors and the chancellor were in attendance.

When people complain that these people never leave the administration building -- something I've said in editorials -- we forget that baseball games are a perfect chance for the administration to mingle with students.

Of course, until last weekend I was guilty of not attending the baseball games myself.

This is something I hope to correct, and I hope you will do the same.

As the semester continues we will continue to provide updates on the athletic program.

We hope you will use this information to enhance your experience here at LSUS.

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"The Editor"

Clarifications

For the first time in three years Matt let one of the reporters get the incident reports from the campus police. Because the reporter never turned in a story or the reports, we don't have a crime blotter for this issue. We apologize for this mistake. Next week we will include the reports that should have gone in this issue along with any that may occur in the interim. Keep an eye out for the report done in first person, because Matt will have to include himself in the crime blotter. But you'll have to check back next week to read that story.

Regarding our story on the elevators, Matt would like to point out that the elevators in Bronson Hall are horrible. The lights rarely function properly, and there was a while when Matt questioned his sanity because every time he walked past the elevators on the third floor they opened for him. It isn't that they're unsafe, but they are very inconvenient. Use the stairs, and let the elevators serve the handicapped.

Letters to the editor

Reader condemns war in Iraq over oil

If this War against Iraq is so morally justified let's bring back the draft and see if people really believe that this war is worth dying for. I predict that the American people would not stand behind this war if they really had to face the reality of war.

One problem is that there seems to be no legitimate reason to wage war against Iraq. So exactly what has Iraq done to the United States to make her want war? What a great question, I mean can anyone honestly say that Iraq has done anything that would warrant war from the United States?

Quite simply, Iraq has not committed any act of aggression towards the United States, and that includes the first Gulf War in which Iraq invaded Kuwait. But I'm sure that President George W. Bush wouldn't invade Iraq without a good reason.

To paint the picture of why, let's dissect some of the Bush propaganda. Saddam Hussein is evil, right, and he was in bed with Osama Bin Laden on the September 11th thing right? Well not totally right, but the part that is of more importance is actually wrong. To this day there has been no proof of Saddam Hussein having anything to do with September 11th. In fact, Saddam Hussein is a secular dictator that is hated by fundamentalists like Osama Bin Laden.

Once again we are in a bit of a pickle: are we going to send our troops to put their lives on the line because the leader of a country is evil? Of course not, so we must be going to destroy the "weapons of mass destruction," right? Wrong, if we were serious about destroying weapons of mass destruction we would have already invaded North Korea. North Korea has actually confirmed their nuclear weapons program and thrown out the U.N. inspectors. Listen to the hypocrisy, North Korea is given diplomacy while Iraq, which has allowed inspectors in, is about to be invaded.

Since we have no more right-wing justifications of war with Iraq I am going to just give some coincidences that might help explain why Iraq is so dangerous to our "national security." It is a coincidence that Iraq has under it one of the largest oil reserves in the world. It is a coincidence that our Supreme Court-appointed president was raised on oil money and used to own an oil company called Harken. It is a coincidence that Dick Cheney, the Vice President, was CEO of Halliburton, which is a currently in the front running for being the company to get the contract for Iraq's oil. It is a coincidence that National Defense Secretary Condoleezza Rice used to be on the board of directors for oil giant Chevron.

What a huge coincidence that the people saying that we need to invade Iraq all have ties to the big black oil. It's unpatriotic to call these things conspiracies so I will just call this the nasty oil coincidence, and most intelligent Americans seem to think that Iraq is a threat to our country. The only threat Iraq poses is the threat of monopolizing their oil and making incredible amounts of money off it. Give us your Damn Oil or we'll invade!

-Quinton Bell

SGA senator offers cure for apathy

What is apathy? The American Heritage Dictionary defines apathy as Lack of interest or concern, especially in important matters. Lack of emotion. I'd say if I had to pick one, just one character trait that would sum up the characteristics of the student body at LSUS it would definitely be apathy. Every day no matter what building I am leaving or going into I notice that there are several small circles of people standing around talking.

What are these people talking about? Their normal topic of discussion is what's wrong with LSUS. They always seem to be griping and complaining about anything and everything, trying to think up every reason they don't like LSUS. If they didn't like LSUS that much, I really don't think they'd be here. Most of all, what disturbs me about this scene, is the apathetic nature.

Anyone can sit there and gripe all day long until s/he is blue in the face. Does it do any good? No! The reason why it does no good: these people don't do anything about their gripes and concerns. All they do is talk. One major gripe from traditional students on this campus is there is never anything to do. Have they really researched all the options, have they gone to any club meetings, do they even know what Student Activities Board is? It has become blatantly obvious to me that they have not.

Plenty of students have griped to me about the lack of diversity in the events that SAB puts on, mainly saying that the students don't have a big enough voice in what does go on. The reason the students don't have a big enough voice is because the SAB is very small. This is not by choice, however. Students can take the time to gripe about it, but they can't take the time to get involved in it themselves to rectify the very wrongs which they are pointing out.

This seems extremely apathetic to me. If you have never gotten involved during your college career or stay at LSUS I feel you have no right to gripe. Sure, I have my gripes too, but I try to rectify the things I see wrong with our great university by being a part of SAB, Greek Life, and serving as a senator on the SGA.

In my term as a senator on SGA, a total of two students have actively sought me out to give me their opinions on issues concerning Student Government. Those are legitimate gripes, because they're doing something about them. A great professor on our campus once inspired me by saying to our class and myself in private, "Get off the couch, get out there and do something." I've taken that advice to heart and haven't regretted a moment of my involvement at LSUS, which I affectionately call LUSCIOUS.

Things at this university are progressing very rapidly, almost before our eyes. We could use more people who want not only to gripe, but to act out on those gripes and make a difference. I've said my peace. As your SGA Senator, if you have gripes or concerns you can either actively seek me or e-mail me at bradlyjazz@yahoo.com

Cordially,
Bradly J. Craft

Entertainment editor gives his reasons for possible war

It's the beginning of a new semester and everyone's busy getting back into the grind that is college. As such there are undoubtedly a variety of concerns on the minds of the students, faculty, and staff of LSUS. Though, I'm willing to bet there is one thought that is on all our minds: war with Iraq.

As is the case with any potential military engagement, there is a hard line drawn, with most people either being for it or against it. I said most people. There are still many people out there who have yet to decide their position. This is because it's being made more difficult by the propaganda spewing from the mouths of uber-liberal peaceniks and righter-than-right conservatives. You've got one side telling you that we shouldn't fight in this war because Saddam Hussein hasn't done anything to deserve a U.S. led attack. Then there's the other side telling you that we should be O.K. with this war because the President says so.

Well, I don't agree with either one of these. I didn't say that I don't have a position on the war. I said I didn't agree with either of these reasons. The fact is, I have a rather definite opinion, and it's based on...dare I say it...the FACTS! And not just some of them (ahem, heads up hippies).

Everyone knows (though some of us are apparently in denial) that Saddam Hussein has committed some very wrong, often atrocious acts. But that wasn't even really a consideration in my decision. Mine was primarily based on the fact that at the end of the Gulf War Hussein signed a little document assuring the rest of the world that he wouldn't have any weapons of mass destruction. That includes chemical, biological, nuclear...ANY! And I consider empty chemical-weapon warheads to be in the same category. Also, who has empty bullet casings around the house and no gun? NO ONE! If this wasn't an indicator that Hussein isn't playing by the rules, I don't know what is. (There are also the constant delays that the weapons inspectors are encountering while Hussein's people 'get things ready' at whichever one of his palaces has been selected for inspection...but they're probably just putting flowers on the table and such.)

Face it people, he has broken an agreement, a law. Not some silly little, antiquated, podunk "no-wearing-suspenders while-eating-ice cream" law. No, this is a serious, recent, international 'no having weapons that can take out half of Ohio law. In any other case where it has been determined that someone has definitely broken a law, they are punished accordingly, and usually swiftly. But as is often the case with the beliefs of our liberal friends, laws don't apply to everybody in the same way. No, it simply would not be fair to say that just because someone breaks a law they should be punished. Oh...wait...yes it would!

I don't like the thought of war. It's not my idea of a good time. I have a younger brother who has just turned 18, and the idea that this war could escalate and a draft be implemented scares the hell out of me. But I agree with the president (based on my own reasons, not just because he's the president). Saddam Hussein is a violent, evil dictator. He has shown through his actions in recent months that he is hiding something, that he is in the wrong. He cannot go unpunished. If there were some other means of ensuring that he would no longer be able to hurt the peoples of the world, I would be for it. But there doesn't seem to be one. Be strong in your values and opinions. Do the research, find the facts, and make YOUR decision — not some peace-pushing hippie's or even the president's — yours.

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serves as a member of the Board of Consultants for the International Association of Physical Education and Sports for Girls and Women.

This year LSUS will also be celebrating the new additions to the women's sports curriculum. The athletic council voted in favor of both a girls' soccer and a girls' basketball team.

"Anytime you make people aware of the opportunities out there interests will be increased," Evans said. The new athletic director and basketball coaches will be recognized at the Feb. 5 events. LSUS is still in search of a soccer coach.

National Girls and Women in Sports Day has been a national event since 1987.

Each year a female athlete who shows notable character and leadership is honored with the Flo Hyman Memorial Award presented by the Women's Sports Foundation.

The award is named after Flo Hyman, Olympic volleyball player who died of a heart attack during a volleyball tournament in 1986.

This year's Flo Hyman Memor-



Winner of the 1996 Olympic Gold Medal in badminton, Soo Sin

ial Award recipient will be announced on Feb. 5.

This year's NGWSD celebration is sponsored by the LSUS Sports Science Institute and Education and Kinesiology and Health Science departments along with Pepsi-Cola/Seven-up of Shreveport, Kilpatrick Life Insurance Company and House of Trophies.

Feb. 1- A 5K run, 5K kids run and a mile fun run/walk at LSUS, hosted by Sportspectrum, will start the event at 8 a.m.

Feb. 2 - From 9 a.m. until noon, exhibits and demonstrations will be held in the Health and Physical Education building.

Feb. 5 - At 10 a.m. LSUS will welcome athletes from various college campuses including Centenary, Bossier Parish Community College and Northwestern.

Feb. 7-8 - A professional conference on women's health activities will take place.

Monologues: 10 percent of proceeds to go to Indian Country Project

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become scarce in the last year and through donations from programs like this.

LSUS's V Day celebration is also going to donate 10 percent of the proceeds to the Indian Country Project.

"Native American (women) are 3.5 percent more likely to be sexually assaulted than women of other races," said Hunnicutt.

The V Day Indian Country Project will raise awareness of issues facing these women to end violence in Native American communities.

Brad Craft, president of Beta Gamma Iota, the fraternity sponsoring the event, said, "This is an opportunity for the fraternity to be involved in raising money for the sexual assault center."

Ticket prices are \$6 for

"The Vagina Monologues" will take place at the LSUS UC Theatre Feb. 27 - March 1

students, \$8 for faculty and \$10 for the general public.

Through "The Vagina Monologues," Eve Ensler has drawn attention to the cause of preventing domestic violence and local participants will help focus this attention on LSUS.

KDAQ brings classical guitarist to LSUS as part of cultural enrichment

by Joel Warne

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, the unexpected occurred at the LSUS University Center. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, culture crept onto our campus in the form of a concert by Andrew York, an internationally acclaimed classical guitarist.

York, a member of the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, made a stop at the LSUS University Center to play hits from his new CD entitled "Into Dark." Tracks on the CD include "Chilean Dance," "Marley's Ghost," and "Three Dimensions."

The Red River Radio Network sponsored York's concert. According to Si Sikes, the network's general manager, the Shreveport-Bossier City area has long been overdue for this type of entertainment.

"It's not something you see every day," said Sikes. "Classical music tends to draw an older

audience, although we're beginning to see a resurgence in popularity toward classical and opera among an increasingly young population."

More concerts, festivals and cultural events are currently being scheduled for those who missed York's concert.

An Americana concert is currently being planned featuring Americana, bluegrass and folk music.

This event will take place in Nacogdoches, Texas, during Labor Day weekend as a one-day event.

The network is also trying to cater to the needs of local talents as well as local cultural influences with a no-cover show for July.

This show will give artists a chance to speak out about their work, perform and get their music out to a broader audience.

"There's so many great artists out there and not only in Shreveport-Bossier but deep East Texas as well.

We also go down to Baton Rouge," said Sikes. "These people need a platform to show their wares and not only in a five-minute segment but for 25 or 30 minutes, maybe even an hour if they're lucky."

The Red River Radio Network is able to help fund these events through donations.

KDAQ receives approximately 20 percent of its donations from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The rest comes from private sponsorship from listeners and Public Broadcasting groups and institutions.

KDAQ supplies music for parts of East Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi via five distribution sites.

Sponsorships and donations can be made by contacting Si Sikes at the KDAQ office on the LSUS campus or by visiting the Red River Radio Network on the web at www.redriverradio.com.

Career center prepares students for jobs

by Becky Mayo

The LSUS Career Center offers a variety of services for all students attending the university and for those who have graduated.

These services include career exploration, skills development and job seeking assistance.

Dr. Brian Hirsch, director of the career center, frequently asks students what they want to do after graduation. The most common response he receives is "find a good job."

Hirsch said that a lot of preparation is needed to find that good job.

"To find the right career for an individual, a lot of planning is needed," Hirsch said. "The Career Center is here to assist students in planning the right path to take during college and after graduation."

Students seeking a degree usually do not spend enough time planning their job search.

They also are not aware that finding a job takes an average of six months.

Jennifer Carter, assistant director of the Career Center, knows that

students are often confused about which career is right for them. The staff at the Career Center helps to eliminate these confusions.

"We offer a full-service career center to help people figure out who they are, what they like, what they are good at and how that fits with a career," said Carter.

According to Carter, students who use their services get their questions answered and leave with a vision.

The Career Center also helps students in preparation for seeking a job. They offer tips on interviewing and completing a résumé.

The résumé can be posted online for employers to view.

Job-seeking is not only for graduating seniors but also for those who are looking for a part-time job.

"Students should seek part-time job opportunities while in college to get career experience," said Carter. "We provide assistance in finding employers who can work with college students."

Heather Kleckinger, an LSUS peer counselor, sees many uninformed students at the Career Center.

"I see students come in who are basically lost, and I watch them leave with a sense of direction," said

Kleckinger.

Kleckinger also says that students who have already graduated can still use the Career Center. If a former student loses his job, he can always use the Career Center's services.

"Sometimes students don't know much about the job offerings for their major," said Kleckinger. "The Career Center staff can show the wide range of jobs that majors can offer."

The Career Center is sponsoring many different activities throughout the semester.

Many of these activities will be taking place in March, which is Louisiana's Career Month.

These activities include Major Declaration Day, student round-table discussions and Walt Disney World recruitment.

LSUS has also formed a Student Advisory Board.

Students can contact board members to suggest ideas and activities that would be helpful to a specific major.

Carter says that anybody's input is welcome.

For more information about LSUS Career Center services, visit their web site at www.lsus.edu/career.

SGA rehashes credit cards

by Candice Leone

The SGA continued to debate at a recent meeting whether or not the LSUS Alumni Association should be allowed to release student information to the credit card company MBNA.

Diane Howell, director of the Alumni Association, spoke to the SGA in search of a long-awaited answer on the issue.

The association, an organization that is partnered with MBNA and the Alumni Association credit

card, hopes to give contact information of students enrolled at LSUS to MBNA in order to attract new, young consumers.

The question of whether or not the school has a right to release that information has been debated since last spring.

Although various efforts have been taken and suggested solutions given, the issue has not yet been resolved.

Last semester, SGA Vice President Ben Thomas brought up a proposal to allow the release of only junior and senior students' informa-

tion. However, it did not pass.

Soon, the SGA will review a new proposal to approve the release of information of all students.

SGA President Jeff Strozier is not in favor of the proposal.

"I can't see us condoning that," Strozier said.

The Alumni Association cannot release the information until the SGA gives its approval. However, the matter could be far from being resolved.

"Until we give out some type of resolution, it will be an issue," Strozier said.

College of education renamed to reflect goals

by
Christy Long

A name is a powerful tool which dictates how the rest of the world views us. Keep this in mind when you walk to the College of Education and Human Development. In an effort to become more inclusive of all its various majors, the college faculty adopted the new name on Jan. 7.

The name more reflects the college's actual mission, programs and focus.

The idea of a name change was not a new one. Discussions first began in 1996, and the idea was batted back and forth as the alternatives were examined.

Many students still wonder about the purpose of the new name.

Senior Annie Harville, who plans to teach elementary special education, summed it up when she said, "Tell me again why they are changing the name."

The change was not simply cosmetic. The new name helps to distinguish the College of Education from the department of education housed in the same building.

Yet the name change is being met with stronger reactions from a few LSUS alums.

Ron Kendrick, a graduate of the class of 1999, said "the name is too non-specific and it is important for the various disciplines to maintain their own identity."

The new name is the first of many changes for the College of Education and Human Development. Dr. Gale W. Bridger, dean of the College of Education and Human Development, suggests that "change may not be the right word so much as initiative or direction. We are undergoing some reorganization so that people are looking at programs and being accountable all the time."

Even as the college prepares for reaccreditation, its students still remain active in the community. Participating in the professional development school allows students to spend time in the elementary classroom.

There are plans to become interactive with the school. This will allow students in the elementary methods classes to interact with children at the Midway School.

High Praxis scores and completion rates have afforded members of the College of Education and Human Development the opportunity to host a technology fair in the late spring.

The college will also be hosting a contest and asking students to develop a multimedia presentation which can be used for student orientation or on days when the campus hosts an open house.

Hirsch takes over Student Activities after Shannon Murphy's departure

by
Chris Sanders

Student Activities has a new director. Dr. Brian Hirsch is filling in for Shannon Murphy as director of Student Activities after Murphy's Jan. 16 departure.

Hirsch will fill the position for the duration of the semester.

He said that the university will conduct an extensive search for a permanent replacement, but it is unlikely that the position will be filled until July because many of the people who would qualify for the position are now committed to their current jobs until summer.

The search for a new full-time replacement will not be limited to Louisiana.

Hirsch said that the university wants to find the best person available to head up student activities and the job offer will be pitched nationwide.

This is not the first time that Hirsch has been in charge of student activities.

He acted as director of Student Activities during the office's six-month vacancy before Murphy's hiring.

Hirsch said he is both confident and excited about taking on

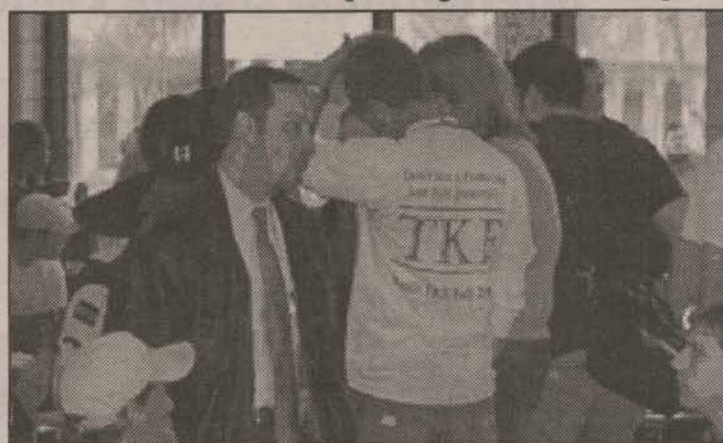


Photo by Matt Morris

Dr. Brian Hirsch is serving as acting director of Student Activities this spring. He will continue his role as director of the Career Center while working with Student Activities.

additional responsibilities. He will continue his roles as director of the Career Center and running the Third Year Student Success Series.

"Student Activities has a great staff," Hirsch said, and because all positions in the Office of Student Activities are filled, he is still able to fulfill all of his duties.

The staff members are also confident in Hirsch's abilities.

Kathleen Grimmet, assistant director of Student Activities, said that

Hirsch has the experience to do the job, and that his "outside view" allows him to bring in new ideas that those inside student activities have not thought of.

"He's not a dictator," Grimmet said of Hirsch's management style.

"I think he will work out well, especially with Greek life," she said. Hirsch is a member of and heavily involved with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He has assisted the LSUS Greek community with recruitment

and serves as the faculty advisor for Tau Kappa Epsilon on this campus.

Students are also optimistic about Hirsch.

"I think Dr. Hirsch will do a good job," said Rorry Bell, a sophomore business major. "He knows how to relate to the students."

Relating to students is one thing that many students say Murphy did not do well.

Students involved with campus organizations are highly critical of Murphy's performance as director of Student Activities and said that Hirsch will do a better job.

Hirsch has a higher opinion of Murphy and what she did for student activities at LSUS.

The staff members who were behind-the-scenes when Murphy was director were able to point out the good she did for this campus.

"Shannon did a great job of rebuilding Student Activities," Hirsch said. However, Murphy was hurt by an understaffed Office of Student Activities and by not having an assistant director until the fall 2002 semester, he said.

Hirsch said that Murphy put momentum back into a beleaguered student activities program.

He and his staff plan to keep the program moving forward.

Beta Gamma Iota seeks national sponsorship

by
Jessica Matlock

Greek life at LSUS is moving forward into the spring semester with Beta Gamma Iota, a local fraternity, seeking colonization from Sigma Nu.

Beta Gamma Iota is now under review to be recognized as a national fraternity through gaining affiliation with Sigma Nu.

The interest group Beta Gamma Iota met with Sigma Nu on Jan. 19 to discuss the colonization, which is the first step toward becoming a Sigma Nu chapter.

According to Beta president Brad Craft, Sigma's decision whether or not to adopt Beta will be revealed sometime in February.

If colonization is granted, then the fraternity will go through a ten-session initiation before becoming a Sigma Nu chapter. Beta currently has 21 members and will be recruiting in February.

Craft noted that academics were encouraged as well as social interaction. Beta has helped with campus events such as relief for hurricane victims in October, as well as community events including the annual

Coats for Kids drive with Goodwill. The Betas are currently looking into becoming participants in a local charity.

Beta is interested in national recognition in order to be recognized as a fraternity on the LSUS campus. To be an established fraternity with LSUS, an interest group must gain support from a national fraternal organization.

According to Kathleen Grimmet, Greek director for student activities, if Sigma Nu decides to affiliate Beta Gamma Iota as a colony then Beta will be recognized on LSUS campus as Sigma Nu and forfeit its Beta Gamma Iota name.

Grimmet also said that a fraternity or sorority must also be in good standing with the Student Organization Council.

The Student Organization Council brings student organizations together to create and implement policies in governing the organizations, promoting leadership, organization funding and providing communication between the organizations.

SOC meetings are held the first Friday of every month at noon.

Greek life at LSUS is flourish-



Photo by Matt Morris

Beta Gamma Iota members congregate in the University Center seeking out new members.

ing with many opportunities for students to socialize and grow as individuals as well as a group.

There are several opportunities for a student to become involved in Greek organizations.

Rush during the fall is only one way to become involved, as well as February open rush.

Students may learn about other interest groups by contacting Kathleen Grimmet in the Student Activi-

ties office or picking up an LSUS student organizations directory, which is also located in the Student Activities office.

Students interested in Beta Gamma Iota are welcome to meetings held on Sundays at 7 p.m. in the DeSoto room in the University Center.

Students can contact Beta Gamma Iota on their website at www.geocities.com/lsus_bgi/.

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LSUS hires athletic director to lead expansion

Doug Robinson leads program

by
Chris Moore

For most of the past 36 years, athletics have been the livelihood of Doug Robinson.

Coaching football and baseball for almost all of those years was an enjoyable experience for Coach "Rob" (as he was called by many of his players), but he decided to retire last September.

He figured memories of a state baseball championship from his coaching days at Fair Park, a lifetime of gridiron memories and a membership at Querbes golf course would be enough to get him through the golden years.

Then came the calls. Several members of the community interested in local athletics encouraged him to apply for the vacant Athletic Director's job at LSUS.

After a short discussion with his boss, Mrs. Robinson (no, not that Mrs. Robinson), Coach Rob applied for and was granted the job. Chancellor Vincent Marsala made the formal announcement Jan. 9.

Robinson was born and raised in Shreveport. He graduated from Fair Park High School in 1961, where he played football and baseball.

He went to college at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, where he also participated in football and baseball. After graduation, he got his first coaching job at Bunkie High School. From there he

went on to coach at Broadmoor Junior High, moving on to teach at various high schools and universities, including LSUS.

He coached football at all of the schools except LSUS, where he was the head baseball coach from 1990-1995.

He also coached baseball at Southfield and Fair Park.

He served as Athletic Director at Southfield, Woodlawn and Southwood.

Coach Robinson's first and foremost job at LSUS was to find a quality coaching staff to enable the Pilots to compete in the tough Gulf Coast Conference.

His praises tell of a mission accomplished, "They are all totally committed to building winning programs," he said. "I can honestly say that we have some of the best coaches around. Rocke (Musgraves) has already done an outstanding job with the baseball program, Chad (McDowell) has been one of the premiere high school basketball coaches in the area, and I'm sure he'll do the same with our men's basketball program."

Robinson said recruiting the right athletes for LSUS will also be a major goal.

"We want to recruit kids that can perform on the field or court AND the classroom," he said. "We want LSUS athletics to equal its superior academics. Having a degree from here is something special—and we'll stress that to kids when we recruit."

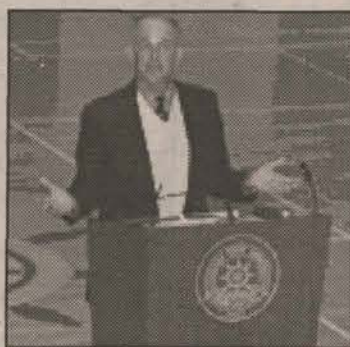


Photo by Matt Morris
Doug Robinson, athletic director

When asked about any new sports on the near horizon, he said women's soccer is only a year away from reality.

Will we ever get football at LSUS? "That's going to take BIG bucks," he said, "I don't even want to talk about that right now."

The only real problems Robinson has encountered thus far have been in basketball scheduling.

"This late in the year, most small NCAA schools have their non-conference schedules filled already," said Robinson. "Area Division III schools like La. College and ETBU only get a handful of non-conference dates to fill. We have 17 to fill, but we'll do it."

He is also optimistic about the new teams' chances of competing against established programs. "NAIA Division I schools play tough ball," he said. "We know we're going to take a few lumps in the beginning, but we're not going to be anybody's doormat."

Pilots baseball begins season with win in President's Challenge

by
Chris Moore

The LSUS baseball team won its second President's Challenge in as many years from LSUS-Eunice last Saturday.

The Pilots' 9-4 win was highlighted by the three-hit performances of Cole Reynolds and former Northwood High standout

Wesley Gray.

The chilly weather didn't bother the LSUS pitching staff much either, as Daniel Welch turned in a strong relief performance on the mound.

The President's Challenge winner is determined by whoever is ahead after the first nine innings of the 16-inning scrimmage.

LSUS won last year's inaugural game 28-3 over LSUE.

Women's basketball coach announced

by
Matthew Morris

Ronnie Howell has been selected to coach the university's planned women's basketball team.

"This is a great opportunity for kids in this area who are often overlooked," Howell said.

Howell will bring his experience in coaching high school basketball to the development of the women's team for the 2002-2003 season.

It has been five years since basketball left LSUS. Men's basketball will return this year as well, under Coach Chad McDowell.

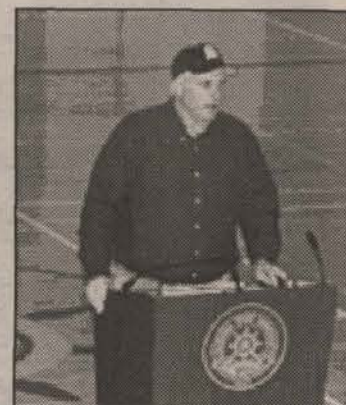


Photo by Matt Morris
Ronnie Howell speaks after his selection as women's basketball coach was announced.

The announcement was made Monday, Jan. 27 in the HPE building gym by athletic director Doug Robinson.

Calendar of events

All events are in the UniversityCenter unless otherwise indicated. If your organization would like to be featured in the calendar of events, email us at almagest@pilot.lsus.edu.

Thurs. Jan. 30

8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Weightlifting Championship

10:30 a.m.
Intramurals Informational Meeting
Disney Recruiting
Phi Eta Sigma Meeting

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Small Business Development Center

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fulbright Scholar Lecture: Dr. Jyotsna Bapat

Fri. Jan. 31

Sat. Feb. 1

8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Weightlifting Championship

8:30 a.m.
5K Run - National Girls and Women in Sports Celebration

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Caddo Parish Nutrition Fest

Sun. Feb. 2

8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Weightlifting Championship

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
TKE meeting
Webster Room

4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
ZTA Meeting
Louisiana A & B

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Phi Mu Meeting

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
BGI Meeting
Red River Room

Mon. Feb. 3

1 a.m. - 5 a.m.
Physical Fitness Training

6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Shreveport Metropolitan Band

Tues. Feb. 4

10:30 a.m.
SAB Meeting
DeSoto Room
Disney Recruiting

4 p.m.
Baseball: Texas College (Home)

7 p.m.
Worship Service
BCM

Wed. Feb. 5

8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
National Girls & Women in Sports Celebration

12 p.m.
Lunch Devotional
BCM

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
ZTA Meeting

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Church at Red River Bible Study

8 p.m.
NCCJ Youth Leadership Day

Thurs. Feb. 6

10:30 a.m.
Disney Recruiting

8 p.m.
Delta Sigma Theta Crimson And Creme

Fri. Feb. 7

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
SOC meeting

6:30 p.m.
Baseball: William Carey College (Home)

TEPAR Application Deadline is TODAY!

Sat. Feb. 8

9:30 a.m.
The Times/Chancellor Spelling Bee

1 p.m.
Baseball: William Carey College (Home)

4 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Reception for German Students/Hosts

Sun. Feb. 9

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Omicron Delta Kappa Initiation Ceremony
U. C. Ballroom

2 p.m.
Tau Kappa Epsilon Webster Room

4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha Louisiana A & B

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Phi Mu Meeting

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Beta Gamma Iota Red River Room

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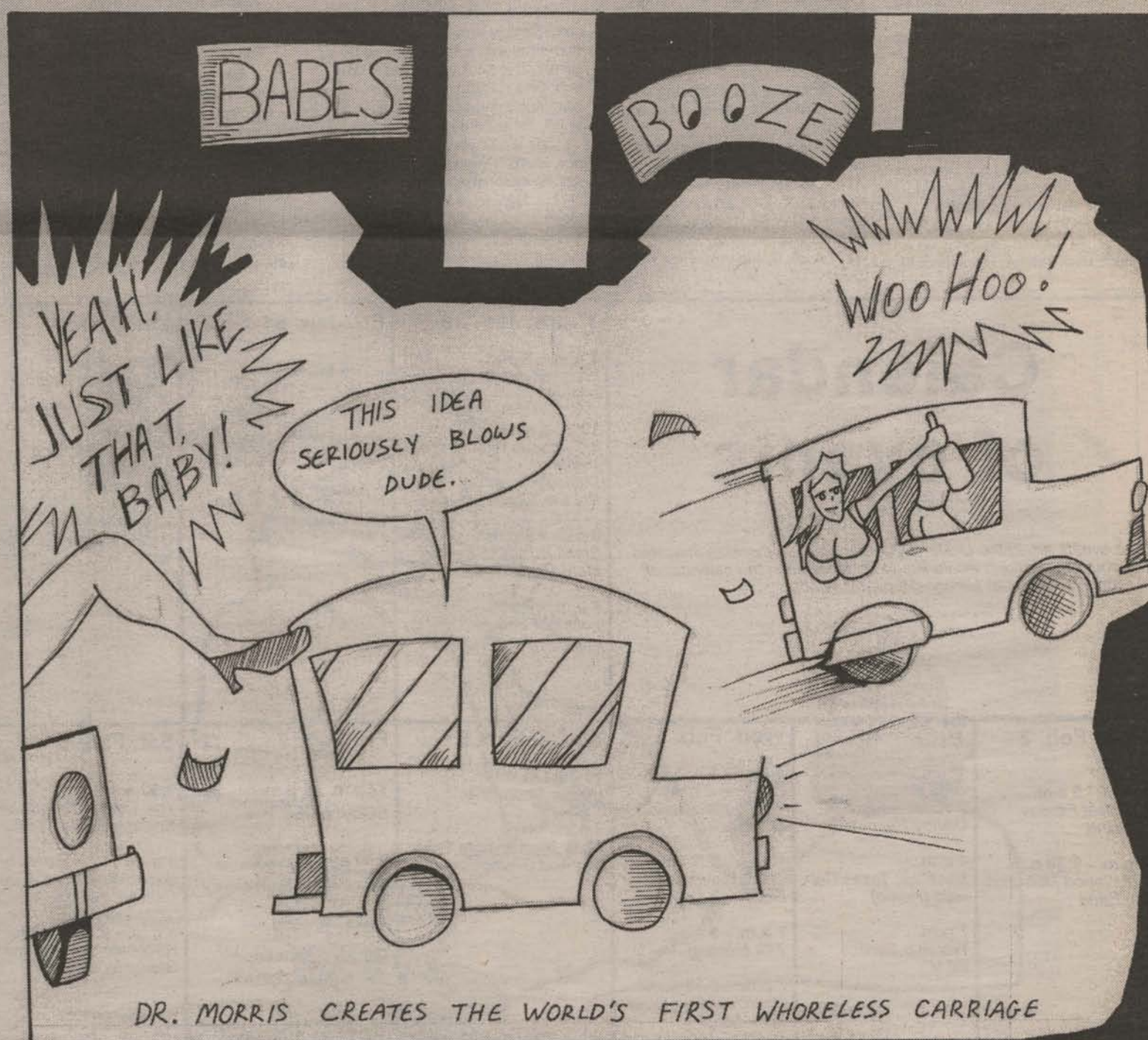
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